



## **REPORT ON THE FATALITY OF:**

Christina Findlay

**Date of Birth:** 03/28/2003

**Date of Death:** 02/28/2017

**Date of Report to ChildLine:** 03/03/2017

**CWIS Referral ID:** [REDACTED]

**FAMILY NOT KNOWN TO COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY AT TIME  
OF INCIDENT OR WITHIN THE PRECEDING 16 MONTHS:**

Philadelphia Department of Human Services

**REPORT FINALIZED ON:**

11/06/2017

Unredacted reports are confidential under the provisions of the Child Protective Services Law and cannot be released to the public.  
(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6340)

Unauthorized release is prohibited under penalty of law.  
(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6349 (b))

**Reason for Review:**

Pursuant to the Child Protective Services Law, the Department, through OCYF, must conduct a review and provide a written report of all cases of suspected child abuse that result in a fatality or near fatality. This written report must be completed as soon as possible but no later than six months after the date the report was registered with ChildLine for investigation.

The Child Protective Services Law also requires that county children and youth agencies convene a review when a report of child abuse involving a fatality or near fatality is substantiated or when a status determination has not been made regarding the report within 30 days of the report to ChildLine.

Philadelphia County has convened a review team in accordance with the Child Protective Services Law related to this report. The county review team was convened on 03/17/2017.

**Family Constellation:**

<u>First and Last Name:</u>	<u>Relationship:</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
Christina Findlay [REDACTED]	victim child	03/28/2003
	biological mother	[REDACTED] 1965

**Summary of OCYF Child (Near) Fatality Review Activities:**

The Southeast Regional Office of Children, Youth and Families (SERO) obtained and reviewed current documentation pertaining to the [REDACTED] case. The regional office also participated in the County Fatality Review Team meeting on 03/17/2017.

**Children and Youth Involvement prior to Incident:**

There was no prior Children and Youth involvement prior to incident.

**Circumstances of Child (Near) Fatality and Related Case Activity:**

On 03/03/2017, Philadelphia Department of Human Services received a [REDACTED] report stating that victim child who was thirteen years old was transported to Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia by ambulance on 02/28/2017 [REDACTED]. The concern was that parents of children with [REDACTED] are aware that when their child has a temperature of 101 and above the child must receive medical attention [REDACTED]. Victim child presented at the hospital with one day of viral symptoms and an altered mental status. When child was admitted to the hospital [REDACTED] reported that child’s eyes rolled back in her head and she had bowel incontinence. However, once child was admitted she was shaking profusely. A concern was that [REDACTED] incorrectly reported that child did not have any complications with her [REDACTED]; however, victim child had a temperature of 104 the prior day

(02/27/2017). Child was admitted, [REDACTED] delay in child's treatment resulted in the victim child's death.

This case was [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] 05/01/2017. [REDACTED] child had a fever of 104 the day prior to admission and the hospital determined that victim child died due to the delay in medical treatment.

Law enforcement involvement in this case is pending.

**Summary of County Strengths, Deficiencies and Recommendations for Change as Identified by the County's Child (Near) Fatality Report:**

- Strengths in compliance with statutes, regulations and services to children and families;  
None noted
- Deficiencies in compliance with statutes, regulations and services to children and families;  
None noted
- Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on reducing the likelihood of future child fatalities and near fatalities directly related to abuse;  
None noted
- Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on monitoring and inspection of county agencies; and  
None noted
- Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on collaboration of community agencies and service providers to prevent child abuse.  
None noted

**Department Review of County Internal Report:**

The Department does not have any concerns with report.

**Department of Human Services Findings:**

- County Strengths:  
Philadelphia County conducted a clear and fact finding investigation.

- County Weaknesses: and

None noted

- Statutory and Regulatory Areas of Non-Compliance by the County Agency.

None noted

**Department of Human Services Recommendations:**

There are no recommendation at this time.